Untouchability

* 228-R *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of industries for which a sum of Rs. 4,21,000 was spent in 1956–57 out of the allotment made for the Untouchability Eradication Fund;

(*b*) the places where they were started; and

(*c*) the names of Industries other than Cottage footwear industry and the places where they have been started on a co-operative basis?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A copy of the statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM: தொழிற் பயிற்சி நிலயங்கள் எங்கெங்கே ஏற்படுத்தப் பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? அப்படி ஏற்படுத்தா விட்டால் ஜில்லாவுக்கு ஒரு பயிற்சி நிலையம் வீதம், ஏற்படுத்த உடனடியாக சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: ஸ்டேட்டுமெண்டிலே எங்கெங்கே இருக்கிறது என்று இருக்கிறது.

Misappropriation of funds

* 228-S *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM AND SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a large sum of money has been misappropriated in the Agricultural Depot at Thiruthuraipoondi;

(*b*) if so, what amount has been misappropriated; by whom and when; and

(*c*) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The two clerks attached to Thiruthuraipoondi Depot are reported to have been held responsible for the amount misappropriated and also for certain other irregularities committed in the maintenance of the accounts of the Depot. The loss that has come to light so far, amounts to Rs. 26,257.60 nP. The loss now revealed is reported to have occurred during the period from 1st April 1956 to 31st December 1957 and it is likely that a further probe that is being conducted by the Internal Audit Party attached to the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Tanjore, might give a clearer and final picture of the state of affairs of the depot. The Accountant-General has since reported a loss of Rs. 40,000 and over which is already under scrutiny by the Director of Agriculture and the Collector.

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a Printed as Appendix VI on pages 876–878 *infra*.